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SUBJ: REELECTRIFICATION OF RIYADH

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1. MINSTATE FOR FINANCE ABA AL-KHAYL HAS APPROVED TRAVEL OF CISLER TEAM, AND HAS PPROVED EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FIVE OR SIX MAN TEAM.

2. IN APPROVING TEAM, HOWEVER, ABA AL-KHAYL EMPHASIZED THAT THE TEAM HAS SECOND PRIORITY TO RAPID EQUIPMENT SUPPLY. WITHIN THREE DAYS SAG HOPES TO GIVE US A LIST OF UREGNTLY NEEDED EQUIPMENT. THEY WISH THE USG TO UNDERTAKE TO LOCATE THAT EQUIPMENT AND PURCHASE IT FOR THE SAG FOR IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT TO SAUDI ARABIA BY THE MOST EXPDITIOUS MEANS.

3. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT EQUIPMENT NEEDS ARE REALLY THE ROOT OF RIYADH'S ELECTRIFICATION PROBLEMS, WE URGE WASHINGTON TO GIVE US A POSITIVE RESPONSE ASAP. WE NEED A USG COMMITMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO SEARCH OUT THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND GET IT TO SAUDI ARABIA WITHIN THE SHORTEST
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POSSIBLE TIME. SUCH A COMMITMENT IN NO WAY EXCEEDS OUR

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BASIC COMMITMENT TO THE JOINT COMMISSION, AND SHOULD BE EASIER TO MEET THAN SOME OF THE MORE PRESSING PROBLEMS OF ELECTRIFICATION. IN ANY CASE, WE STAND TO GAIN SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH OF SALES IMMEDIATELY AND AS MUCH AS $200 MILLION IN THE TWO TO FOUR YEAR RANGE.
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